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TO AMEMBASSY TUNIS

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TAGS:ELAB, SHUM, TS

SUBJECT:STATUS OF ABDERRAZAK AYOUB

1. DEPARTMENT HAS RECEIVED LETTER FROM J.F. OTERO,  
INTERNATIONAL VICE PRESIDENT, BROTHERHOOD OF RAILWAY,  
AIRLINE AND STEAMSHIP CLERKS, EXPRESSING THE CONCERN  
OF THE U.S. TRANSPORTATION LABOR MOVEMENT OVER THE FATE  
OF THEIR IMPRISONED TRADE UNION BROTHER, ABDERRAZAK AYOUB,  
ASSISTANT GENERAL SECRETARY, TUNISIAN RAILWAYMEN'S FEDERATION.  
OTERO'S LETTER ALSO STATED THAT THE TRADE UNION  
SITUATION IN TUNISIA WAS THE SUBJECT OF DISCUSSION AT THE  
FEBRUARY MEETING OF THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE INTERNATIONAL  
TRANSPORT WORKERS FEDERATION (ITF). OTERO FURTHER  
WROTE THAT THE ITF "HAS AGREED TO WITHHOLD INDUSTRIAL  
ACTION AGAINST TUNISIA TO AWAIT THE RELEASE OF THOSE  
IMPRISONED. WE HOPE THAT BRO. AYOUB WILL BE AMONG THOSE  
TO BE RELEASED FOR SUCH ACTION WOULD LESSEN ANY POTENTIAL  
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INDUSTRIAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE ITF."

2. OTERO ASKED THE USG TO "LOOK INTO THIS MATTER TO DETER-  
MINE THE FATE OF THOSE IN PRISON AND IF AND WHEN THEY ARE  
TO BE RELEASED OR BROUGHT TO TRIAL."

3. OTERO IS WELL KNOWN AND HIGHLY RESPECTED U.S. LABOR

LEADER. DEPARTMENT (NEA/RA) WOULD APPRECIATE RECEIVING A  
CABLED UPDATE ON THE SITUATION OF NOT ONLY AYOUB, BUT ALSO  
OTHER MEMBERS OF THE UGTT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL.

4. NEA/AFN TRANSMITTING COPY OF OTERO LETTER TO  
AMBASSADOR. CHRISTOPHER

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